

'Militarism' Is To Be Cry Against Wood

Procter Back From Middle West and He Aids Pre- pare to Foretell At- tack on General's Record

Expect No Stampede

Argue Candidate's Work in Army Camps Proves He Is a Capable Administrator

Colonel William C. Procter, president of the National Leonard Wood League, returned from Chicago and the West yesterday, bringing with him a report on the situation in the middle West, including the progress of the Wood boom in Nebraska, where a voters' petition is in circulation in various parts of the state asking that the name of General Wood be placed on the Republican ballot for the primaries next April 20, when the voters will express their preference for Presidential nominees. Such petitions have been filed in Lincoln and other cities.

Under the law in Nebraska General Wood will not have to file any acceptance. His is the first Presidential petition to be filed in that state. Nebraska is the home state of General Pershing. The friends of the latter, it is understood, have not made any move toward nominating him.

The Wood men both in New York and in the West agree in saying that they expect the "militarist" issue to be raised against General Wood both before and at the Chicago convention. They are sedulously preparing to meet it whenever and wherever it presents itself.

Ready to Combat It

One of the General's New York lieutenants yesterday, in discussing this particular objection raised against the candidacy of General Wood by those who are weary of war or anything directly or indirectly connected with it, made this comment:

"We know that the Lowden and Harding men at Chicago will raise the issue of 'militarism' against the general, not because they fear he is a militarist, but because they will want to beat him out of the nomination with that argument at hand. Forewarned is forearmed."

"General Wood will run on his record as an administrator of large affairs rather than on his military record. He might have made a military record in the present war that would have overshadowed that of any of the gallant officers who participated in the great struggle, but he was ordered away from the front by the Wilson Administration back to comparatively peaceful pursuits."

Whenever he was sent he did his work in a wonderfully capable manner—so much so that the Administration at Washington became positively alarmed at his popularity and shifted him from one point to another. He made good at Charleston, at Camp Funston and in Chicago, where he now is. The general's supporters all over the United States are confident that the delegates cannot be stampeded away from General Wood on the score of militarism.

Nearly All Wore Uniforms

"It is an interesting fact, however, that all of the Republican Presidents, with the exception of Andrew Johnson, the successful Vice-President, and William Howard Taft, wore the uniform of the United States army. Lincoln was a captain in the Black Hawk war. Grant was a major general, and William McKinley was a major general, and so was James A. Garfield. Chester A. Arthur, of New York, was a quartermaster general. Benjamin Harrison was a brigadier general. William McKinley was a major of volunteers. Theodore Roosevelt was a colonel of cavalry."

The glory of the Republican party rests quite largely on these men. Did even service unfit them for high civic service? It is absurd to assume that the military service that Leonard Wood has had has unfitted him for the industrial and reconstructive work which he is facing this country at this time. As a matter of fact, his experience in the army has increased his efficiency, and this fact is demonstrated by an examination of the record."

Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet of the New York Assembly when asked yesterday about General Wood's military record being a handicap had this to say:

"I think I have been asked half a dozen times, not in an unfriendly spirit, whether General Wood's military record is going to handicap him in the race for the Republican nomination. While I have not heard any one say that it hurt General Wood in his estimation, it is a fact that people keep asking the question."

"In view of the general's record as an administrator, I doubt whether it will injure him a great deal. It is too early to tell. Things in the United States might be in such a tangle by the time the convention is held that a man with a fine military record might possess a positive advantage in the race."

"Personally I think that whether or not a man has a big name as a military figure will make little difference. It seems to me that the great issue will be—in fact, now is—that of reconstruction and of getting industrialism on a basis so that business men and wage-earners from one end of the country to the other will feel that profiteering, as the word is understood, has been abolished, or is on its way to being eliminated."

By the time the convention is held, it seems to me that the people will be demanding the nomination of the man who can successfully grapple with all of the present-day problems and solve them in a straightforward American way, without deception, demagoguery or juggling."

Petition for Wood Filed in Nebraska

Request General's Name Be Placed on Ballot for April 20 Primaries

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—A voters' petition asking that the name of General Leonard Wood be placed on the Republican ballot for the primaries next April 20, when the voters will express their preference for Presidential nominees, was filed with the Secretary of State here today.

Under Nebraska law General Wood will not have to file any acceptance. It was the first Presidential petition to be filed in this state for the coming campaign. It was presented by Frank P. Corrick, of Lincoln, director of a Nebraska movement in General Wood's behalf, and was signed by both men and women.

Bryan Men to Aid Marshall, Hoping To Inherit Votes

Vice-President's Candidacy Expected to Collide With Those of Palmer and McAdoo Later in Campaign

Friends of William J. Bryan in New York and Washington are setting the stage for his great "come-back" at the Jackson Democratic dinner in Washington on January 8, the day of the meeting of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Bryan is planning to attend the spread, and his New York lieutenants are confident that after he makes his speech the Democrats of the country will be aware of the fact that the Commoner is going to try to recapture the next Democratic National Convention.

The Bryan forces in New York are led by former Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, who has a law office both in Washington and New York and who is here every few days. The Bryan men are supporting the boom of Vice-President Marshall. Attention was called yesterday to the tone of the speech made by Mr. Marshall on Friday at the dinner in his honor at the Democratic Club in Indianapolis. The Bryan men are confident that the tone was exactly like that of Mr. Bryan when he is pouring forth eloquence about the Prince of Peace, and that Indiana is sure to send a delegation to the convention instructed for Marshall.

It is understood that Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and one of the original Bryan men, is again active for the Nebraska statesman and that he will do all he can with Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany Boss, to convince him that if the convention can see its way clear to nominate Vice-President Marshall, it will elect William J. Bryan. It was said last night that Mr. Marshall's speech will be circulated all over the country under the postal frank of some Democratic Congressman friendly to Marshall and Bryan. The Bryan men are trying to induce Augustus Thomas, the playwright and orator, to enlist for Marshall and Bryan.

While the friends of Bryan are ostentatiously backing the Marshall boom, they are keeping in mind the certainty that Marshall's boom will collide with that of McAdoo, Palmer and others and that after the smash there is a strong probability that the convention will turn to its past master, Mr. Bryan.

Cole Enters Republican Race for Ohio Governor

FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Ralph D. Cole, former Congressman and soldier, today announced his candidacy for Ohio Governor. He is a lieutenant colonel with the 37th (Ohio) National Guard Division in France.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—James W. Foster today announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana.

Mr. Foster is Republican chairman of the seventh district.

State Leaders To Give Dinner For Mr. Hughes

Republican Party Chiefs Expected to Form Legislative Reconstruction Program at Banquet To-morrow

Want Bureaus Cut Down

Governor's Commission Stole Recommendations From Last Legislature, Charge

Most of the active Republican leaders in New York state will gather to-morrow night at the home of Martin Saxe, former State Tax Commissioner, to attend a dinner in honor of Charles E. Hughes, ex-Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and former Governor of the state, to discuss the Republican reconstruction program, which will be offered to the next Legislature for its consideration.

Among the guests will be the leaders of both Houses of the State Legislature, J. Henry Walters, president pro tem of the Senate, and Thaddeus C. Sweet, Speaker of the Assembly; George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee; George W. Wickersham, former United States Attorney General; ex-Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson, former Chairman of the Progressive State Committee; ex-Judge William M. K. Olcott, a member of Governor Smith's Reconstruction Commission, and prominent in the affairs of the National Republican and Union League Clubs and Henry W. Taft.

Proposed by Republicans

At this dinner it was said yesterday the proposed legislation which the Republican leaders have in mind will be gone over in detail.

"It is singular," said one of the guests invited to the dinner yesterday, "that most of the recommendations made by Governor Smith's Reconstruction Commission looking toward a simplification of administration and an economizing of expenditures for carrying on the work of the state was proposed by the Republican leaders in the last Legislature, to Governor Smith. Governor Smith's reply on that occasion was: 'If you pass any such legislation I shall veto it.' It is equally striking that the recommendations of this commission, which is financed by private funds, and not with state money, were incorporated in the proposed state Constitution which was drafted by a Republican majority in 1915."

And equally singular is the fact that at the dinner to Justice Hughes will be some of the members of the last Legislative Convention of 1915, including Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Olcott, who took prominent parts in directing the deliberations of that body.

Political leaders who discussed to-morrow night's gathering declared that it would be brought to the attention of the Legislature by the Republicans on the important matters which will be discussed. Upstate Republicans have been talking over the proposed legislation which will be on the carpet with their associates north of the Harlem River, and the men from this city who will attend can express the views of local Republicans.

Justice Hughes is chairman of the special committee of the City Club on reconstruction legislation, and has been in communication recently with similar special committees which were created by the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association, the Citizens Union and like organizations.

To Cut Down Departments

The gathering was characterized by an upstate Republican leader as one of the most representative assemblies held in this state in some time.

The Tribune's informant, who also took a prominent part in the Constitutional Convention of 1915, said:

"The chief recommendations of Governor Smith's Reconstruction Commission provide for a consolidation of the existing departments and bureaus of state government, numbering, I believe, 187, into sixteen; the election of but two state officials, the Governor and the Comptroller, and the extension of their terms from two to four years."

"The Republican-controlled Constitutional Convention of 1915 merged the 187 state departments into thirteen, shortened the term of Governor to four years. But it does not matter much where the credit belongs. The chief problem is to get these forward-looking proposals enacted into law, so that the people of the state and those who come after us may benefit."

'Clarion Call to Women' Ignored Republicans

Leaders at Political Gathering at the Astor Accused of "Steamroller" Tactics

A meeting which was held in answer to "a clarion call for all the women of the State of New York" but which turned out to be for Democrats and Socialists only, as Republican women were barred, was held at the Hotel Astor yesterday. Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby announced that the purpose of the meeting was to form a committee of 1,000 women—"Democrats, non-partisans, Socialists and others"—to work in the Presidential campaign of 1920.

Mrs. Grace Strachan Forsythe, who is looking for an associate superintendent of schools, did most of the speaking. Miss Adeline Sterling and other women openly accused Mrs. Forsythe of "steamroller" tactics. Miss Sterling said that amendments which she offered, and which were seconded by at least ten of the seventy-five present, were not put to a vote by Mrs. Forsythe, who presided. Several of the women said "the meeting is all out and dried."

Miss Anna E. McLaughlin objected to the Socialists being included. She was told that the object was to "redeem" Socialists. An attempt to put through a resolution advising against a third term for President Wilson was voted down.

Pershing Boomer Insists the General May Be 'Drafted'

Dawes' Statement That Army Man Won't Be Candidate for President Answered; Buys Home in Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—Mark W. Woods, of Lincoln, chairman of a recently organized Nebraska Pershing-for-President committee, made a statement here today in which he said that "no man has the right to say that Pershing will not be a candidate for President."

The statement was in reply to remarks recently attributed to Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes (retired), of Chicago, in which the latter was quoted as saying that it was his belief that General Pershing would not be a candidate for the Presidency.

"General Dawes did not say that General Pershing would not accept the nomination for President," Mr. Woods said. "Of course he is not a candidate, but when the Republican convention is held in Chicago next June the people of the United States will demand that he be selected for the next President. The people will draft him because he is the best qualified man for the position in the country."

"General Pershing has never refused to serve the people in any capacity, and when he learns that the people really need him as their leader he will respond."

Meantime General Pershing, who goes about his business and refuses to talk politics, was welcomed back to the United States by the University of Chicago, where he obtained a law degree and was a member of the university cadets in the early '90s.

Responding to an address by the university's chancellor, General Pershing referred to his reception as "the highest honor that had come to him," and paid a tribute to the part played by the University of Nebraska men in the World War.

It was learned here today that General Pershing has purchased the residence here where his ten-year-old son, Warren, resides with the general's sisters, Miss May Pershing and Mrs. D. M. Butler, and that the general himself intends to make this city his home whenever he retires from the army.

Bay State Booms Coolidge

Republican State Committee Calls for Nomination

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Republican State Committee adopted resolutions today congratulating the country upon "the opportunity that will be presented at the Republican National convention to call to its service as chief executive that man who can be counted on to do for the nation what he has done for Massachusetts—Calvin Coolidge."

The resolutions referred to "the result of the November election, by which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with overwhelming voice, stood for law and order and for the Governor who courageously stood for both, while the nation watched."

Prosecution of Sugar Profiteers To Begin Soon

Food Administrator Now Collecting Evidence; Says Victims Allow Gouging to Keep Business Going

Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams declared yesterday that wholesale prosecutions of sugar profiteers would begin as soon as the present stringency is relieved.

Mr. Williams explained that the gathering of evidence against profiteers was difficult at present because their victims preferred being gouged to losing a source of supply. He said he was convinced that some dealers have eluded the combined vigilance of Federal, state and city authorities and are demanding and receiving exorbitant prices for sugar. When retailers, restaurateurs, wholesalers and manufacturers are able to obtain their sugar through legitimate channels a mass of evidence will be forthcoming to enable the Federal authorities to punish all profiteers.

Price Decline Predicted

"There is no doubt that unfair dealers have seized upon the shortage of sugar as an opportunity to gouge," said Mr. Williams. "Although we fully realize this, we are compelled to look on helplessly simply because the man paying for the sugar is willing to be victimized to keep his factory or restaurant or other business from being shut down."

"The Federal authorities are poised ready to swoop down on these profiteers, and this will be done as soon as the victims are able to get sugar at fair prices."

Mr. Williams predicted a speedy decline in the price of Louisiana sugar. This sugar was first released on this market about a month ago at 18 cents a pound. The Food Administrator said yesterday that he knew specifically of two stores which were selling it at 13 and 14 cents a pound, respectively.

"It is merely a case of supply and demand adjusting the price," Mr. Williams said. "Asking high prices might not affect the sale of a commodity at first, but in time it will always reduce the demand and bring a consequent reduction in price."

Food Sales Banned

Commissioner of Markets Edwin J. O'Malley declared yesterday that he had definitely decided not to permit Dr. Jonathan C. Day to use any of the public markets for the conduct of his sales stations.

"I am convinced," Mr. O'Malley said, "that the food sales are a private enterprise and I have definitely decided to keep them out of the city's markets. The stocks of food that Dr. Day now has in the Jefferson and Queensboro markets may remain there until Dr. Day finds some other place to send them, but I will not permit him to conduct sales in the city markets."

When this was called to the attention of Dr. Day he said that Mr. O'Malley's decision didn't trouble him. Besides, he said, he was through with the Markets Department and didn't want anything to do with it any way.

4 Arrested in Murder Case

Two Men Identified by Shopkeeper, Say Police

Four men have been arrested in connection with the murder of Mrs. Morris Goldstein, who was slain in her husband's store at Passaic, N. J., on Christmas Eve. The police refuse to give out the names of the four. It is believed, however, that two of them are the men who were arrested in Edgewater on Friday. A third is said to be one Harry Nelson, of Jersey City. Two of the men, Police Captain Turner, of Passaic, said yesterday, have been identified by Charles Levy, whose store adjoins the Goldsteins', as being among his customers on Christmas Eve.

Watch Festival Canceled

On account of the illness of Mrs. William R. Chapman, president of the Rubinstein Club, and the sudden death on Christmas Eve of her father, Samuel Faulkner, the Watch Night festival, which was to have been given by the club on New Year's Eve at the Waldorf-Astoria, has been canceled. Mr. Faulkner was ninety-one years old, and a pioneer merchant of Chicago.

Arizona Silver Service Finds Ship After Hunt

Mayor Mix of Nogales Makes Presentation on Quarterdeck of Dreadnought, Thereby Succeeding in Action He Has Been Attempting for 5 Years

For the last five years the Mayor of Nogales, a little Arizona town down on the border, has been trying to present a \$10,000 silver service to the battleship Arizona. The dreadnought wanted the gift and the people of Arizona were eager that she should have it, but somehow Mayor Mix—no kin to Tom, the actor—the battleship and the silver service couldn't arrange to be at the same place at the same time. Twice delegations of well known Arizona crossed the continent and came to New York, only to find the dreadnought was somewhere else.

Finally, Mayor Mix located the ship, completed all arrangements, and yesterday afternoon at the New York Navy Yard, with a large number of native Arizonians, fringed around a green-and-red stand on the quarterdeck, made the presentation on behalf of the State of Arizona. Captain John H. Dayton, the ship's commander, received the gift, acting for Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

United States Senator Henry F. Ashurst, of Arizona, and Mayor Mix spoke, and the delegation of Arizona people who had been invited to attend swarmed around the magnificent silver service spread out on the stand. The service consists of about 150 pieces. There was much speculation as to the use that will be made of the beautiful punch bowl, inlaid with silver and made of burnished copper, the finest produced by Arizona mines.

The presentation ceremony began at 3:30 o'clock. Officers of the ship and a guard of marines took their places on the quarterdeck, and music was furnished by the dreadnought's big band. Mayor Mix, whose personality stamps him as typically Western, made a short, humorous talk, in which he told his audience just how much the people of Arizona thought of their dreadnought namesake. The silver service was purchased with funds raised by subscription, people over the entire state contributing.

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Dr. Butler Assures Columbia Alumni Deficit Is Cleared

Shortage in 1919, Caused by War Conditions, Wiped Out and Institution Is Moving Ahead, He Says

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, received a rout of applause yesterday at the annual luncheon of the alumni, at the club in West Forty-third Street, when he said the deficit of \$229,000 for the fiscal year of 1918, due to war conditions, had been wiped out and that the work of the institution once more was going forward smoothly.

"We have come out from under the effects of the war much more speedily than was hoped," said he.

Dr. Butler was congratulated by his friends among the alumni on his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, but he did not refer to it in his address.

Scope of Institution Shows

"The aim of Columbia for the last forty years has been scholarship for public service," said he. He spoke of every state of the Union her graduates were holding important positions, referring particularly to Washington, Oregon, California, North Carolina and Nebraska, where Columbia men had been governors and had held other high offices. He said the task of the university was to show young men that the builders of the republic were faithful and right, and that the only safety lay in maintenance of the ruler and compass given to us by the fathers.

Professor F. J. E. Woodbridge, of the faculties of philosophy, political science and pure science, spoke briefly of the new course in contemporary civilization, which he said was very attractive to the students.

Francis S. Bangs, a trustee, also spoke briefly.

Silent on Anderson Letter

Following the address a Tribune reporter asked Mr. Butler about the open letter addressed to him yesterday by William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Anderson, who had expressed desire to engage in presidential politics, said that inasmuch as Dr. Butler was being considered for the Republican nomination for President he had a right to know whether he stood for the enforcement of law under the Constitution and giving the prohibition policy adopted by the American nation a fair test.

Dr. Butler read the letter, and then said that he had no comment to make.

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Chicago Probate Court Bars King's Alleged "Second Will"

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A formal order denying admission of an alleged "second will" of James C. King, wealthy Chicago lumberman, to probate was entered today by Probate Judge Henry Horner, in accordance with his decision of December 13.

Permission to admit the "second will" was asked by Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, a sister of Mr. King's widow, Mrs. Maude A. King, whose mysterious death near Concord, N. C., in August, 1917, remains unsolved. The will admitted to probate under the court's decision left the bulk of the \$3,000,000 estate to the James C. King Home for Old Men, in Chicago.

An appeal to the Circuit Court was taken by attorneys for Mrs. Melvin.

Through a great representative body of 100 per cent Americans the anti-Bolshevist organization will disseminate "truths concerning American institutions and the Constitution" throughout every industrial and rural section of the nation, Mr. Flanagan said. "Our aim is to thwart radicalism completely," he added. "Unfortunately there is no law to suppress such outspoken agitation as that of the I. W. W. and kindred revolutionary bands. Their purpose is to weaken the morale of the country to the extent that ultimately they can seize and control its government and industry. Our purpose is to strengthen the morale where lowest through a counter offensive of truthful propaganda."

Newton W. Gilbert, a Wall Street attorney, former Vice-Governor of the Philippines and a former member of Congress from Indiana, is chairman of the executive board of the United Americans, and Sylvanus M. Bard, a professional organizer, is the national director. On the governing committee are: Newton W. Gilbert, H. H. Westinghouse, president Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Pittsburgh; A. H. Mulliken, Pettibone-Mulliken Company, Chicago; Allen Walker, manager foreign trade bureau of the Guaranty Trust Company, this city, and M. L.

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